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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE July 22, 1973

TO : The Ambassador

FROM : David H. Cohn  
and  
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We believe Daud will want -- within the limits of time and many pressing problems -- to make your call a substantive one. Therefore, in case instructions have not been received, we believe the following subjects might be raised following courtesies and expressions of continued close and warm relations between our governments and peoples:

1. Governmental Form: revised constitution or new? Will there be a Loya Jirga? In the interim who are the members of the government's highest forum?

2. International relations: we are pleased with announcement current of continued non-alignment and hope that established policies and programs will be continued, especially in assistance to development including US, USSR, PRC, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and such collateral matters as Helmand River Waters Treaty with Iran.

3. In extrapolation from above, will the government be spelling out its philosophy and program on development? Emphasis on: social welfare including among others? education, health, family planning; agriculture including extension service, research, fertilizer; investment policies private sector, state sector, export promotion, infrastructure, mining and petroleum laws, foreign investment, etc.; fiscal and banking programs including taxation, customs, banking modernization; Peace Corps.

4. Narcotics: The USG is prepared to work within the proposed proposed UN program which envisages development and enforcement help. We need evidence that the GOA is prepared to make hard decisions and take action.

5. We recognize situation requires understanding but the implementation of security results in restrictions which create operational problems for all foreign missions and in

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some cases are counter-productive to the best interests of Afghanistan. Telephone, telegraph and postal services should be immediately restored. Airport procedures are demeaning to travelers whose initial or last impressions of Afghanistan are negative.

6. Welfare and whereabouts: If possible you might seek some information concerning the Royal Family and the ministers (including the PM) of the previous government.

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